### Current SIBBG/SEKI-Approved Bear-Resistant Food Storage Containers (Last Updated 7/12/02)

Note: Conditional approval is given to containers that have passed visual inspection, an impact test and a zoo test. Full approval is given to containers that has done the above and have been successful during three months of field-trials in the summer. Either type of approval may be revoked due to unexpected problems in the field that either lead to failures, injuries, or resource damage. In the case of soft-sided containers, additional tests are required. Please contact us if you have a new container idea!! If a bear enters your camp, make noise and try to scare it away. However, if a bear does take possession of your food storage container, DO NOT try to take the container back from the bear, and please advise us on the outcome.

#### **Canisters:**

*Approved – Backpacker Model 812-C* [Available for rental or purchase in the Parks]

Garcia Machine, 14097 Ave. 272, Visalia, CA 93292

Phone: 559-732-3785

Website: www.backpackerscache.net / Customer Service: gmachine@psnw.com

#### Conditionally Approved – Bearikade/Kodiak-Kan <u>RETROFITTED MODELS ONLY!</u>

The original design of the Bearikade had two styles of end-cap. While the top ends were secure, in some cases, the bottom ends were separating from the canisters. *Therefore, the conditional approval for the original model has been revoked*. There is however, a retrofitted model now available where the bottom end cap is made like the top one (with an inner support ring). This retrofitted model is conditionally approved in SIBBG areas. You will know if your canister is retrofitted because on the logo, the serial number will be followed by a /2. The SEKI rental program for the Bearikade is temporarily on hold until our canisters are retrofitted. Thank you for your patience.

\*\*If you own a non-retrofitted canister and you bring it to the trailhead office before your trip, we give you a free rental of an approved model for your trip (2002 only). Please contact the company for information on retrofitting canisters.

Wild Ideas, LLC, Santa Barbara, CA 93160

Phone: 805-693-0550

Website: www.wild-ideas.net / General Information: info@wild-ideas.net

#### Conditionally Approved – Purple Mountain Engineering (PME) – Tahoe Model

Purple Mountain Engineering Inc.

41236 Elsdale Place Palmdale, CA 93551 (661) 722-4936

www.purplemountainengineer.com

#### REVOKED - Ursack Ultra

Unfortunately, the Ursack Ultra has proven to NOT BE bear-proof in these areas and therefore may no longer be used in the Parks.

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#### **Panniers:**

#### Approved - DeCarteret Aluminum Stock Panniers

Bill DeCarteret, 30547 Mehrten Drive, Exeter, CA 93221

Phone: 559-592-2878

#### Approved – Berner Bear Box

Bruce Berner, Westfab Inc., 829 South Bonnie Lane, Watkins, CO 80137

Phone: 303-343-1998

#### Approved - Bear Aware Panniers

Bear-Aware Bear Resistant Panniers [Jeff Berns] 9145 Glenoaks Blvd., Sun Valley, CA 91352 Phone (818) 504-3518 or (800) 568-8990, FAX (818) 504-3515 www.bear-aware.com / JMBERNS@EARTHLINK.NET

## Also Permitted – Steel salvage drums with a security lid may be purchased until panniers are purchased.

1) Dozier Equipment Company [Model K-1035, 8 gallon open head)

Phone: 800-336-6608

Website: www.dozierequip.com

2) Lab Safety Supply Company (Model 9M-9117, 8 gallon open head)

Phone: 800-356-2501

Website: www.labsafety.com

#### NOT EVERYONE GETS TO SEE A BEAR, BUT WITH PROPER FOOD STORAGE, YOU EVEN GET TO SAVE A BEAR'S LIFE.

# HAVE A GREAT TRIP AND DON'T FORGET TO ENJOY THE WILDFLOWERS.

